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In re Application of:

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136, Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time of three months, extending the time for responding to the Office Action dated January 29, 2001, from April 29, 2002, to on or before July 29, 2002.

A check for the statutory fee of \$460.00<sup>1</sup> is attached. The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 necessary to keep this application pending in the Patent and Trademark Office or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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<sup>1/</sup> Applicants are entitled to small entity status as evidenced by the Small Entity Status Declaration filed March 29, 2000.